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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: STATE 206999, HAMBURG 1332

1. THOMAS VENNUM ADVISES DEUTSCHER MUSIKRAT, MICHELSTRASSE

4, BAD GODESBURG, DECLINES TO FUND ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE
GERMAN PARTICIPANTS TO 1976 FESTIVAL BUT HAS GIVEN NO
REASON TO 1975 TOUR LEADER KONRAD KOESTLIN.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE DISCREET USIS INQUIRIES WHY MUSIKRAT
DECLINES AND IF DECISION REVERSIBLE. USIS SUGGESTIONS OF
ALTERNATIVE FUND SOURCES WOULD ALSO BE WELCOMED, TO
DISCUSS WITH DR. VENNUM ARRIVING BONN ABOUT 13 OCTOBER.

3. FYI, IN 1974, FOLKLORIST ROGER WELSCH UNDERSTOOD
AMBASSADOR KREKELER, RESIDING BIENEFELD, WAS PRIVATE,
LOCAL AND REGIONAL FUND COORDINATOR FOR BICENTENNIAL ON
BEHALF GERMAN GOVERNMENT. SMITHSONIAN STAFF MET WITH
KREKELER MARCH, 1975, TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR 1976 AND HE
GAVE NO INDICATION FUNDS WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING. KISSINGER
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